

Table 3-35. Ecological Priority habitat-species opportunities within the Western Coulee and Ridges

Community Group	Natural Communities that are Major Opportunities in the Western Coulee and Ridges Ecological Landscape	Species of Greatest Conservation Need determined to be high priority based on their Community-Landscape combination scores	
Southern Forest	Floodplain Forest	Birds (18) Great Egret Yellow-crowned Night-Heron Blue-winged Teal Red-shouldered Hawk Solitary Sandpiper Black-billed Cuckoo Yellow-billed Cuckoo Red-headed Woodpecker Acadian Flycatcher Least Flycatcher Veery Wood Thrush Blue-winged Warbler <i>Yellow-throated Warbler</i> Cerulean Warbler Prothonotary Warbler <i>Kentucky Warbler</i> Rusty Blackbird	Herptiles (7) Four-toed Salamander Pickerel Frog Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle Black Rat Snake Timber Rattlesnake Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake Mammals (4) Northern Long-eared Bat Silver-haired Bat Eastern Red Bat Hoary Bat
	Hemlock Relict	Birds (1) Veery	Mammals (4) Northern Long-eared Bat Silver-haired Bat Eastern Red Bat Hoary Bat
	Pine Relict	Birds (2) Whip-poor-will Veery Herptiles (3) Black Rat Snake Bullsnake Timber Rattlesnake	Mammals (2) Eastern Red Bat Hoary Bat

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Southern Forest (cont.)	Southern Dry Forest	Birds (5) Whip-poor-will Red-headed Woodpecker Wood Thrush Blue-winged Warbler <i>Worm-eating Warbler</i> Herptiles (8) Ornate Box Turtle Northern Prairie Skink <i>Western Worm Snake</i> Yellow-bellied Racer Ring-neck Snake Black Rat Snake Bullsnake Timber Rattlesnake	Mammals (3) Northern Long-eared Bat Eastern Red Bat Woodland Vole
	Southern Dry-Mesic Forest	Birds (14) Red-shouldered Hawk Yellow-billed Cuckoo Whip-poor-will Red-headed Woodpecker Acadian Flycatcher Veery Wood Thrush Blue-winged Warbler <i>Yellow-throated Warbler</i> Cerulean Warbler <i>Worm-eating Warbler</i> <i>Kentucky Warbler</i> Hooded Warbler Louisiana Waterthrush	Herptiles (9) Blanding's Turtle Ornate Box Turtle Northern Prairie Skink <i>Western Worm Snake</i> Yellow-bellied Racer Ring-neck Snake Black Rat Snake Bullsnake Timber Rattlesnake Mammals (3) Northern Long-eared Bat Eastern Red Bat Woodland Vole

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Southern Forest (cont.)	Southern Mesic Forest	Birds (11) Red-shouldered Hawk Yellow-billed Cuckoo Acadian Flycatcher Veery Wood Thrush Blue-winged Warbler Cerulean Warbler <i>Worm-eating Warbler</i> <i>Kentucky Warbler</i> Hooded Warbler Louisiana Waterthrush	Herptiles (8) Four-toed Salamander Pickerel Frog Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle Ornate Box Turtle Black Rat Snake Bullsnake Timber Rattlesnake Mammals (2) Northern Long-eared Bat Eastern Red Bat
		Birds (2) Field Sparrow Lark Sparrow	Herptiles (10) Blanding's Turtle Ornate Box Turtle Northern Prairie Skink Prairie Racerunner <i>Western Worm Snake</i> Yellow-bellied Racer Ring-neck Snake Black Rat Snake Bullsnake Timber Rattlesnake
Oak Savanna	Cedar Glade	Birds (8) Northern Bobwhite Red-headed Woodpecker Brown Thrasher Blue-winged Warbler Field Sparrow Vesper Sparrow Henslow's Sparrow Eastern Meadowlark	Herptiles (10) Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle Ornate Box Turtle Western Slender Glass Lizard Northern Prairie Skink Prairie Racerunner Ring-neck Snake Black Rat Snake Bullsnake Timber Rattlesnake Mammals (4) Eastern Red Bat Franklin's Ground Squirrel Prairie Vole Woodland Vole
	Oak Opening		

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Oak Savanna (cont.)	Oak Woodland	Birds (5) Red-headed Woodpecker Whip-poor-will Wood Thrush Blue-winged Warbler Cerulean Warbler Herptiles (8) Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle Ornate Box Turtle Northern Prairie Skink Ring-neck Snake Black Rat Snake Bullsnake Timber Rattlesnake	Mammals (4) Northern Long-eared Bat Eastern Red Bat Franklin's Ground Squirrel Woodland Vole
Barrens	Oak Barrens	Birds (11) Northern Harrier Upland Sandpiper Black-billed Cuckoo Whip-poor-will Red-headed Woodpecker Brown Thrasher Field Sparrow Vesper Sparrow Lark Sparrow Grasshopper Sparrow Western Meadowlark	Herptiles (9) Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle Western Slender Glass Lizard Northern Prairie Skink Prairie Racerunner Yellow-bellied Racer Ring-neck Snake Bullsnake Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake Mammals (4) Northern Long-eared Bat Eastern Red Bat Franklin's Ground Squirrel Prairie Vole

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Grassland	Dry Prairie	Birds (12) Northern Harrier Northern Bobwhite Upland Sandpiper Short-eared Owl Brown Thrasher Bell's Vireo Field Sparrow Vesper Sparrow Lark Sparrow Grasshopper Sparrow Eastern Meadowlark Western Meadowlark	Herptiles (13) Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle Ornate Box Turtle Western Slender Glass Lizard Northern Prairie Skink Prairie Racerunner <i>Western Worm Snake</i> Yellow-bellied Racer Ring-neck Snake Black Rat Snake Bullsnake Timber Rattlesnake Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake Mammals (1) Prairie Vole
	Dry-Mesic Prairie	Birds (18) Blue-winged Teal Northern Harrier Northern Bobwhite American Golden Plover Upland Sandpiper Buff-breasted Sandpiper Short-eared Owl Willow Flycatcher Brown Thrasher Bell's Vireo Dickcissel Field Sparrow Vesper Sparrow Grasshopper Sparrow Henslow's Sparrow Bobolink Eastern Meadowlark Western Meadowlark	Herptiles (11) Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle Ornate Box Turtle Western Slender Glass Lizard Northern Prairie Skink Yellow-bellied Racer Ring-neck Snake Bullsnake Black Rat Snake Timber Rattlesnake Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake Mammals (2) Franklin's Ground Squirrel Prairie Vole

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Grassland (cont.)	Sand Prairie	Birds (9) Upland Sandpiper Brown Thrasher Bell's Vireo Field Sparrow Vesper Sparrow Lark Sparrow Grasshopper Sparrow Eastern Meadowlark Western Meadowlark	Herptiles (11) Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle Ornate Box Turtle Western Slender Glass Lizard Northern Prairie Skink Prairie Racerunner Yellow-bellied Racer Ring-neck Snake Bullsnake Timber Rattlesnake Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake Mammals (2) Franklin's Ground Squirrel Prairie Vole
	Surrogate Grasslands	Birds (17) Blue-winged Teal Northern Harrier Northern Bobwhite American Golden Plover Upland Sandpiper Buff-breasted Sandpiper Short-eared Owl Willow Flycatcher Brown Thrasher Bell's Vireo Dickcissel Field Sparrow Grasshopper Sparrow Henslow's Sparrow Bobolink Eastern Meadowlark Western Meadowlark	Mammals (2) Franklin's Ground Squirrel Prairie Vole

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Wetland	Emergent Aquatic	Birds (11) Great Egret Yellow-crowned Night-Heron Blue-winged Teal <i>King Rail</i> Whooping Crane American Golden Plover Solitary Sandpiper Buff-breasted Sandpiper Short-billed Dowitcher Black Tern Rusty Blackbird	Herptiles (5) Four-toed Salamander Blanchard's Cricket Frog Pickerel Frog Blanding's Turtle Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake Mammals (4) Northern Long-eared Bat Silver-haired Bat Eastern Red Bat Hoary Bat
	Shrub Carr	Birds (10) Yellow-crowned Night-Heron American Woodcock Black-billed Cuckoo Yellow-billed Cuckoo Short-eared Owl Willow Flycatcher Veery Bell's Vireo Blue-winged Warbler Rusty Blackbird	Herptiles (5) Four-toed Salamander Pickerel Frog Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake Mammals (4) Northern Long-eared Bat Silver-haired Bat Eastern Red Bat Hoary Bat
	Submergent Aquatic	Birds (8) Great Egret Yellow-crowned Night-Heron Blue-winged Teal Canvasback Lesser Scaup Bald Eagle Whooping Crane Black Tern	Herptiles (4) Blanchard's Cricket Frog Pickerel Frog Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle Mammals (4) Northern Long-eared Bat Silver-haired Bat Eastern Red Bat Hoary Bat
Miscellaneous Communities	Algific Talus Slope	None identified	

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Miscellaneous Communities (cont.)	Bedrock Glade	Birds (2) Whip-poor-will Blue-winged Warbler	Herptiles (5) Northern Prairie Skink Prairie Racerunner Ring-neck Snake Bullsnae Timber Rattlesnake
	Dry Cliff	Birds (1) Peregrine Falcon	Herptiles (5) Northern Prairie Skink Yellow-bellied Racer Black Rat Snake Bullsnae Timber Rattlesnake
	Moist Cliff	None identified	
Aquatic	Coldwater streams	Birds (2) Solitary Sandpiper Louisiana Waterthrush Fish (1) Redside Dace	Herptiles (5) Four-toed Salamander Blanchard's Cricket Frog Pickerel Frog Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle Mammals (4) Northern Long-eared Bat Silver-haired Bat Eastern Red Bat Hoary Bat
	Coolwater streams	Birds (2) Solitary Sandpiper Louisiana Waterthrush Fish (1) Redside Dace	Herptiles (5) Four-toed Salamander Blanchard's Cricket Frog Pickerel Frog Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle Mammals (4) Northern Long-eared Bat Silver-haired Bat Eastern Red Bat Hoary Bat

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Aquatic (cont.)	Warmwater rivers	Birds (6) Great Egret Yellow-crowned Night-Heron Canvasback Lesser Scaup Osprey Bald Eagle	Herptiles (4) Blanchard's Cricket Frog Pickerel Frog Wood Turtle <i>Midland Smooth Softshell Turtle</i>
		Fish (13) Lake Sturgeon <i>Paddlefish</i> <i>Goldeye</i> <i>Pallid Shiner</i> <i>Shoal Chub (Speckled Chub)</i> <i>Blue Sucker</i> <i>Black Buffalo</i> River Redhorse Starhead Topminnow <i>Crystal Darter</i> Western Sand Darter <i>Bluntnose Darter</i> Gilt Darter	Mammals (5) Northern Long-eared Bat Silver-haired Bat Eastern Red Bat Hoary Bat Blanding's Turtle